

**Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee**  
**July 17, 2003 Minutes**

**Attending:** Kathie Minden, Susie Kramer, Sally Watson, Paulette Keller, Ivan Cortes, Deb Meihoff, Beth Faulhaber, Chris McCormack, Cheryl Houston, Tory Mitchell, Maura White, Mary Lou Begert, Heather Schraeder, Eugene Hayes, Angie Hayes, Virginia Warren, Brenda Butler.

**Minutes:** The June 2003 Steering Committee Minutes were approved. Maura moved. Chris seconded.

**Rock Soup News Coverage Video was shown.**

**Community Issues Impacting Rockwood Updates:**

-Multnomah County East Health Clinic will have an open house during public Health week sometime in August-TBA.

-Domestic Violence brochures are now available in English, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese with a special 4-slot card holder. Brenda and the Police Department will begin to distribute. Please contact Brenda to distribute in your office or at your agency.

-Kathie Minden is working on "People for Parks."

-Chris is attending a National Gang Enforcement Conference next week.

-Deb Meihoff announced that the Gresham City Council will refer the West Gresham/Rockwood Urban Renewal project in the next few weeks to the November 4 ballot.

-Virginia Warren announced that the Oregon Department of Labor is working with an employer to recruit 40 people for a production job. One must be able to work any shift and have no criminal background.

-Beth-PAL summer camp served about 350 kids and 75-80 officers participated. The current summer camp is averaging over 200 kids per day and features a variety of activities including sports and educational pieces. PAL/Rockwood National Night Out is on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-2pm and they need volunteers. PAL role model day is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> and it includes a fire prevention piece.

-Yamhill/Green Street will be funded by Metro. This project includes putting in sidewalks and managing storm water runoff.

-Brenda will be a conduit for the Rockwood Urban Renewal Campaign. If Steering Committee Members have concerns about this, please contact her.

-Gresham Community Court is continually going very well with participation around 75%. They still need a liaison/volunteer for the Community Court and Alternative Community Service.

-OAME/Rockwood Business Center opened last Thursday (7/10) and it will consist of: a computer/technology store, poster shop, hair salon, meat and grocery store, and conference rooms that are available to rent. Brenda would like the Steering Committee to visit the building.

### **Committee Business:**

**White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** took place in June. Some RWS collaborators attended. RWS can be a support to groups looking to get federal funding for these initiatives. It is highly encouraged by EOWS.

The **Oregon Weed and Seed Site/Regional Quarterly Meeting** was held in the beginning of July. Rich and Brenda attended the meeting with the U.S. Attorney.

**Tri-Met tickets**-The Gresham Downtown Development Association had a remaining supply of Tri-Met tickets and donated them to Rockwood Weed & Seed. Brenda gave 50 of the tickets to Nan at the Health Department for clients to receive in order to improve access to health care and treatment.

The **Continuation Application** was completed in April in order to apply for next year's funding. The Office of the Comptroller responded after their **initial review** and asked for more specifics on budget computation. Brenda submitted a response to their questions within the week after they submitted the review.

**Steering Committee Membership** – a list of Members was reviewed. Any person who may have a question about their membership or who wants to make their membership official can contact Brenda. New Members' Applications may be reviewed at the August SC meeting.

**Heather Schraeder** has decided to move to Austria for to attend school for her Masters. The RWS Steering Committee thanks her for her continuous support and hard work as an important collaborator. She will be greatly missed. However, Heather assured the Committee that the person to replace her will be hired soon and will continue as an RWS contact of Commissioner Roberts's office.

**Newsletter**-the newsletter will be an informational piece about Rockwood Weed and Seed and what is happening. The Neighborhood Restoration Committee is discussing the possibility of putting this on newsprint, because it would be more economical than a paper distribution. This same committee would also like to develop a hotline, but this has been delayed due to budgetary issues. Deb Meihoff suggested that Brenda contact Kay Foetisch at the City of Gresham, because she sends out a Quarterly newsletter and this next newsletter is featuring Rockwood.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 8/21, 5-7pm at the Rockwood Library